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REMARKS

Claims 2-15 and 17-36 are pending in the application. Claims 2-11, 13-15, 17-29, 31-36 stand rejected. Claims 12 and 30 have been objected to by the Examiner. The drawings have not been acknowledged by the Examiner. The Examiner's rejections are addressed below in substantially the same order as in the office action. Claims 1 and 16 have been cancelled.

The Examiner objected to claims 12 and 30 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten independent claims 31 and 34 to include the recitations of claims 12 and 30 and the intervening claims. Applicant believes all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

The dependent claims have been amended to maintain proper claim dependency and / or to conform to amendments made in the base case.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned in the event that these amendments do not place the this case in condition for allowance.

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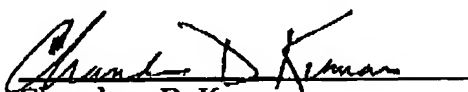
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CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance. No fee is believed due for this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (414-35025-US).

Respectfully submitted,

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